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I wanted to be sure that you were aware of this bill which, in effect, is a political move by the three top Democrats of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee to make the executive pay increase, etc., effective from August 1973 rather than deferring until January 1974.

The dilemma is that if the pay increase comes up on the floor in the Second Session of the 93rd Congress (1974), it probably will be voted down since that will be an election year for the Members of Congress. The idea behind this bill is to put greater time between the increase and the election. It is doubtful that the Administration would welcome this pay increase earlier than planned and its possible effect on Phase III of the price control plan. What might bring the Administration around is: (1) the crunch on executive pay, and (2) the dim prospects for any raise in 1974 because of the congressional election that year.

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